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**SOMERSWORTH MAN PLEADS GUILTY
TO REENTERING THE UNITED STATES AFTER BEING DEPORTED**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono reports that 45-year-old Sing Yoong Yong of Somersworth, New Hampshire pled guilty today to the crime of reentering the United States after being deported to his home country of Malaysia.

Yong was deported from the United States on or about February 4, 1998. However, on January 11, 2006, he was stopped for speeding by the Epsom Police Department. The police performed a records check and learned that Yong had been deported from the United States. The police contacted the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Law Enforcement Support Center, which provided preliminary confirmation that Yong had been deported and was illegally present in the United States. Yong was held at the Merrimack County House of Correction overnight, and was arrested the following day for illegally being present in the United States. A federal grand jury indicted Yong on January 25, 2006, for illegally reentering the United States after being deported.

Yong is facing a maximum prison sentence of 20 years and a maximum fine of \$250,000. A sentencing hearing has been scheduled for June 29, 2006.

This case is being investigated by the Department of Homeland Security Bureau, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.